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Stockbridge Mass  
Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 1861

My dear Mrs Clemens

I reached here,  
by travelling all Thursday  
night, Friday at 8 A. M.,  
to find my Mother better, but  
still very ill. Her pulse has  
been 120 - her strength much  
diminished - her pain great  
and she has suffered from  
some symptoms which at the  
close of such an attack would  
be most alarming. Today she  
is still improving, very slowly  
and sends her thanks to  
you for your kind solicitude  
as to her health, and her  
hopes that your own trials  
may be successfully over.  
This is my eighth letter tonight  
and it is nearly 3 A. M.



tomorrow (to borrow an Irishism)  
which I must plead as an  
excuse for brevity and illegibility.

I sincerely hope you have heard  
from Dan O'Connell and beg you  
will write me to N. Y. how  
you get on. I expect to be  
a fixture here for a week at  
least but may run down to  
N. Y. some days, and all letters  
will be forwarded me when here.

Present me very kindly to  
Miss Barton, where Miss O'  
hope she successfully combats,  
and say to Miss Cleman-  
or Miss Floride - a Floride  
I prefer the latter, but she shall  
select for herself) that I  
hope self education goes on,  
though the schoolmaster is  
abroad, and that when he  
returns (should he ever do so)



that he will find her "like  
as though it" his instructions  
had not been entirely lost.

And finally my dear Mrs  
Clemson let me thank you  
again for all your kind attention  
when ill, and your frank  
hospitality when well, with  
the assurance that any service  
I can render you will give  
the greatest pleasure to  
your friend and servant  
J. W. Lee

Mrs Anna C. Clemson  
The Home  
Bladenburg  
Md

P.S. I was too short a time in N. Y.  
to get the Dea- Lamb and Hairsins, but  
will do so and send, this week. Please  
let me know the amount paid Crawford L.